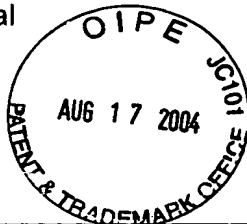


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First Named Inventor	C. Cantor et al.
Group Art Unit	1634
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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted.
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on May 27, 2004
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fee The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050. A duplicate of this sheet is provided.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) - \$385
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) - three-month extension of time - \$475
- iii. ☒ Other Any deficiencies
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 860.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-captioned application, consideration and entry of the following amendment and response, responsive to the Final Office Action, mailed February 18, 2004, and further to the Advisory Action, mailed June 10, 2004 are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.